

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 1992

1. Talent Search

A. During the early part of April, and May, Hilda Rosario had submitted letters requesting changes in the current budget and program. After a few phone calls in August, ASPIRA received formal notice on September 9, 1992. Within the letter regarding changes to program a request was made seeking us to recruit 600 instead of 750 for the 1991-1992 academic year. This request was granted. However, regarding the request made to modify the budget, it was indicated that most of the changes did not need approval. Yet, our request to purchase computers and a printer was not approved.

Our recruitment goal of 600 students was not met. Primarily, due to late start up time, missing documentation, students who's academic record reflect a history of poor academic performance, focus on recruiting Puerto Ricans/Latinos for the program.

B. Fiscally, we will return approximately \$28,000 to the U.S. Department of Education. Approximately \$15,000 of this money is attributed to personnel, \$5,000 was intended to be used to purchase equipment (request denied), and the remainder of the money were line items that were not fully spent.

C. NCOEA CONFERENCE - National Council of Educational Opportunity Association - "Porque lo hacen menos" workshop - Workshop designed to address the decreasing number of Trio Programs that target Latinos. Four representatives from the Department of Education were expected to present, not one was present. Strong reaction from the audience, Latino groups being taken for granted.

2. FUNDING

NEW GRANTS NOT APPROVED

U.S. Department of Education, Dropout Demonstration Project
Request \$150,000.00 - project intended to fund Trenton Center

OLD GRANTS NOT APPROVED

Geraldine Dodge Foundation
Request- \$37,000.00 - To continue funding ASPIRA's Math & Science Careers Program.

Mary Owen Border Foundation
Request - \$7,500.00 - To continue funding ASPIRA's Leadership Development/Dropout Prevention efforts in Trenton

RENEWAL GRANTS

Victoria Foundation

Award- \$65,000.00 - General Operating

Request - \$85,000.00

Prudential Foundation

Award - \$42,000.00 - General Operating

Request - \$50,000.00

Allstate Foundation

Award - \$5,000.00 - General Operating

NEW GRANTS

Schering-Plough

Award - \$15,000.00 - Capital Campaign

Request - \$15,000.00

New Jersey Division of Human Services

Award - \$9,000.00 - Latino Males Project at Luis Munoz Marin Middle School

United Way of Essex/ West Hudson (VERBAL NOTICE)

Award - \$3,000.00 - Latino Males Project

Exxon Research

Award - \$500.00 - General Operating - Exxon is interested in funding a project in the near future.

ANTICIPATED REDUCTIONS IN GRANTS

United Way of Essex/West Hudson - Funding cycle runs on a calendar year. Not able to determine the amount of the reduction.

Newark Board of Education-Chapter 2 Block Grant

\$5,000.00 reduction from current funding level. Anticipated

Award of \$45,000.00. Funding cycle begins in February.

3. PROGRAMS

Attached is a tentative calendar of events

Staff Development - Staff engaged in two weeks of staff training, and tomorrow will attend a 2 day, 1 night retreat. A number of staff have begun attending the schools, scheduled meetings with school officials, and preparing students for the upcoming school year.

4. DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Two more interviews are scheduled to be conducted this week.

5. DCA RESOLUTIONS